

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, September 05, 2016 2:28 AM
To: HarborComments
Subject: A Better Clean Up Of The Willamette For Fishermen, Paddlers, Rowers, and Sailors

Dear Administrator Gina McCarthy,

Portland right now is a beautiful place to live. The EPA's draft cleanup plan is a poor substitute for cleaning up the past dumping of creosote, PCBs and heavy metals into the basin we all use. Don't rely on monitored natural recovery, leaving the lead, PCBs, DDT, mercury, and arsenic in our sediments and in our lower river. The EPA must do better, we pay for you to do it, we expect the EPA to protect us and the fish we eat and the water we live in.

I am a Oregon Marine Bard licensed guide, introducing hundreds of people, both from here in the Willamette valley, and from all across the US, to the Willamette every year. Don't make me have to tell all these visitors to the Willamette that we compromised on the plan to clean our river. I believe in the following guidelines, please significantly revise the proposed plan in the following ways:

1. EPA should select Alternative G with additional dredging in areas of high human use, areas of high ecological value, and areas where there is high risk of re-contamination of the river.
2. EPA should set much clearer timelines and metrics for success including setting an explicit date by which Portland Harbor specific fish consumption advisories will be lifted.
3. EPA should select an alternative that allows all members of our community to eat fish safely from our river, including woman of childbearing age and children.
4. EPA's cleanup plan should include the heavily contaminated uplands as well as the heavily contaminated river.
5. EPA should do a much better job of addressing environmental justice issues, including reviewing and correcting significant deficiencies in its public engagement strategies for future phases of the Superfund process and delineating strategies for ensuring the jobs, economic benefits and other benefits associated with the Superfund process to the local community and particularly to underserved communities that have been impacted by contamination in Portland Harbor.
6. EPA should eliminate the confined disposal facility which would create a permanent toxic waste dump in our river.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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